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Title : METHOD FOR SCREENING  
: SUBSTANCES CAPABLE  
: OF MODULATING THE  
: ACTIVITY OF A TRAAK  
: POTASSIUM CHANNEL

Docket No.: 1383-00

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**CLAIM OF EXTENSION OF TIME FOR RESPONSE**  
**UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a)**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

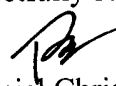
Applicants, through their undersigned attorney, hereby respectfully claim a three (3) month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) extending the time for Response to the outstanding Official Action dated June 19, 2002 from September 19, 2002 to December 19, 2002.

A check in the amount of \$460.00 is being submitted herewith pursuant to the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §1.17(b).

Confirmation of the foregoing Extension of Time is respectfully solicited.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-3405. A duplicate copy of this claim is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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